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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO

TOPIC New Recruiting Campaign for the KVP

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1. In mid August 1953, [REDACTED] that a new recruiting operation for the KVP was started, with each Bezirk registration headquarters or Kreis registration headquarters having to recruit a certain quota of personnel. The recruiting was chiefly done by officers in civilian clothes. The recruiting was partly directed at men of the 1935 class. Recruiting efforts have so far shown no satisfactory result.<sup>1</sup>
2. Volkspolizei recruiting activity was resumed among RBD workers in Chemnitz on 13 August. KVP personnel charged with the recruiting work met once a week.<sup>1</sup>
3. The Kreis registration office for Chemnitz-Land has recently been reorganized and now consists only of departments No I and II. It could not be determined whether this new organization had been carried through also at other Kreis registration offices.<sup>2</sup>
4. The registration and replacement system was supervised by General Bechler. He or his chief of staff Goeringer, signed all letters sent from Berlin to the Bezirk or Kreis registration offices. The areas covered by the various Bezirk registration headquarters were identical to the administrative Bezirke of East Germany. According to the subdivision of the Bezirke into Kreise, the Bezirk registration headquarters supervised the Kreis registration offices. Major towns in a Kreis had a registration office of their own. The Bezirk registration headquarters in Chemnitz controlled a total of 26 Kreis registration offices, in Aue, Auerbach, Annaberg, Branderbisdorf, Freiberg, Floeha, Glauchau, Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Hainichen, Johannegeorgenstadt, Chemnitz-Stadt, Chemnitz-Land, Marienberg, Oelsnitz, Plauen-Stadt, Plauen-Land, Reichenbach, Schneeberg, Schwarzenberg, Klingenthal, Werdau, Rochlitz, Zwickau-Stadt, Zwickau-Land, Zschopau and Stollberg. The Bezirk registration headquarters in Chemnitz-Stadt and the Kreis registration offices for the municipal and rural Kreise of Chemnitz were located in one building. The Bezirk registration headquarters used cover names which were changed every month and their chiefs were referred to by numerical designations which were also changed every month. Thus, for instance, the Bezirk registration headquarters in Chemnitz used cover name Gabelbach and its chief had No 63 in July 1953.<sup>3</sup>
5. In mid-August 1953 source learned that one new KVP office each was established in Marienberg and Baarenstein, south of Annaberg. No details were determined.<sup>4</sup>

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- 25X1A1. [REDACTED] Comment. Compare with a report on a new recruiting campaign in Zittau on 10 August. See [REDACTED]. 25X1A
- 25X1A2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] mid-July that the missions of Department No 3 were taken over by Departments No 1 and 2. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1A3. [REDACTED] Comment. Bechler (fnu) has so far been carried as Major General and chief of staff of the KVP, and Colonel Goeringer as chief of the recruiting administration
- 25X1A4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the bulk of the infantry unit in Baerenstein-Niederschlag was transferred to Chemnitz and Marienberg at the beginning of July. The quarters in Hutweide and Niederschlag quartered about 400 men each on 24 July. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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